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SUBJECT: TRANSATLANTIC DIALOG (TAD)

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SUMMARY: US NADREP DELIVERED TWO PAPERS ON AD  
HOC GROUPS 2 AND 3 TO ITALIAN NADREP CAMPANA.  
INDEPENDENT EUROPEAN PROGRAM GROUP (IEPG) PANEL  
III, MEETING IN BONN ON 15-16 JUNE, IS DISCUSSING  
PAPERS, AND WILL DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO HOLD  
TAD MEETING ON 28-29 JUNE. EVENT OF THIS WEEK  
AGAIN UNDERLINE THE PROBLEM WHICH IEPG HAS IN  
FORMULATING ITS "ONE VOICE", POINT UP THE NEED  
FOR US AND CANADA TO PROVIDE FULLY COORDINATED  
PAPERS TO IEPG WELL IN ADVANCE OF TAD MEETINGS,  
AND FURTHER UNDERSCORES SMALL NATION SENSITIVITY  
TO FOUR POWER DISCUSSION ON FAMILY OF WEAPONS.  
FINALLY WE NOTE THE LINK BETWEEN PROGRESS ON THE  
TAD, INTRA IEPG RELATION, AND THE LTDP.

1. AFTER RECEIVING GUIDANCE ON REF A, US NADREP  
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MET ON 14 JUNE WITH CANADIAN NADREP MACNAUGHTON  
TO DISCUSS PAPERS. MACNAUGHTON, BASED ON TELECON  
WITH OTTAWA PREVIOUS NIGHT, SAID OTTAWA HAD NOT  
SEEN FINAL VERSION. HE AGREED TO PASS UNOFFICIAL  
COPY OF PAPERS TO IEPG PENDING FINAL OTTAWA  
APPROVAL AT WHICH TIME US WOULD SEND "OFFICIAL"  
JOINT POSITION.

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2. US AND CANADIAN NADREPS MET WITH CAMPANA AND DELIVERED "UNOFFICIAL" PAPERS, EXPLAINING THAT CANADIANS WOULD REVIEW AND APPROVE THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE ALSO EXPLAINED WE DID NOT SEE PAPERS AS PRIMARY TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION AT TAD MEETING. CAMPANA AGAIN VOICED CONCERN THAT PAPERS HAD ARRIVED MUCH TOO LATE TO ALLOW REVIEW IN CAPITALS, AND SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION IN PANEL III, PRIOR TO TAD MEETING. OTHER IEPG REPS HAD VOICED SAME CONCERN. CAMPANA BELIEVES US STILL DOES NOT FULLY APPRECIATE DIFFICULTIES OF IEPG DISCUSSING ISSUES WITH NORTH AMERICANS WITHOUT COMING TO INTERNALLY AGREED POSITIONS FIRST.

3. ON SUBJECT OF WEAPONS PROJECTS, CAMPANA ASKED ABOUT ARTICLE IN ECONOMIST OF 3 JUNE 78 ON FAMILY OF WEAPONS AND WHETHER THIS WAS RELATED TO US PROPOSAL DISCUSSION. US NADREP REPLIED THAT ARTICLE WAS NOT FACTUAL AND SAID HE DID NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHAT US HAD IN MIND. CAMPANA SAID HE INTENDED TO RAISE QUESTION WITH UK, FR AND FRG AT BONN MEETING. CAMPANA ASKED US TO SEND PAPER EXPLAINING WEAPONS PROJECTS PROPOSAL PRIOR TO JUNE 28-29 TAD MEETING. WE WILL CLARIFY THIS AND REPORT ANY ADDITIONAL REQUESTS BY SEPTTEL AFTER BONN

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MEETING.

4. AFTER THE MEETING WITH CAMPANA, MACNAUGHTON CALLED US NADREP TO EXPLAIN THAT OTTAWA DID NOT DESIRE TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH PAPERS ON GROUPS 2 AND 3 UNTIL CANADIANS HAD A CHANCE TO REVIEW FINAL DRAFT, AND THAT MIGHT BE AS LATE AS 20 JUNE. US NADREP ADVISED CAMPANA THAT PAPERS ONLY REPRESENTED US POSITION AT PRESENT TIME BUT WE EXPECTED CANADIAN CONCURRENCE BY TUESDAY, JUNE 20. PAPERS WILL STILL BE DISCUSSED IN BONN.

5. COMMENT: EVENTS OF THIS WEEK AGAIN EMPHASIZED THE FOLLOWING:

- IEPG CANNOT REACT QUICKLY TO NORTH AMERICAN POSITIONS IT HAS NOT HAD A CHANCE TO REVIEW WELL IN ADVANCE OF MEETINGS.
- IEPG IS RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS ANY SUBJECT ANNOUNCED ON A SHORT NOTICE (EG. WEAPONS PROJECTS).
- WE MUST PAY CAREFUL ATTENTION TO OUR

CANADIAN PARTNERS AND OBTAIN THEIR CONCURRENCE  
ON ALL FINAL NORTH AMERICAN POSITIONS.

6. WE NOTE WASHINGTON'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (REF C)  
OF OUR VIEW (REF B) ON THE SENSITIVITY OF THE  
SMALLER NATIONS TO THE FOUR POWER NEGOTIATIONS ON  
FAMILY OF WEAPONS. CAMPANA'S COMMENTS (PARA 3  
ABOVE) ADDED TO THE FRENCH AND THE BELGIANS  
REINFORCE THAT THIS IS A VERY REAL CONCERN. WE  
BELIEVE WASHINGTON SHOULD PROCEED VERY CAREFULLY

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AND IN FULL COORDINATION WITH UK, FR AND FRG  
IN WORKING OUT THE WAY WHICH THE FAMILIES WILL BE  
IMPLEMENTED THROUGH THE NATO FORUM. CERTAINLY,  
THIS CAN FALL UNDER THE TAD WHICH IS ALREADY UNDER  
THE NATO CNAD UMBRELLA. HOWEVER, IF SMALLER  
NATIONS PERCEIVE THAT THEY HAVE BEEN CUT OUT OF  
THE PICTURE BY THEIR UK, FRG, AND FRENCH IEPG  
PARTNERS, THEY COULD QUESTION THE VALUE OF THE  
IEPG, WHICH IS ALREADY A FRAGILE ORGANIZATION,  
WHICH IN TURN COULD POSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR THE  
LTDP FOLLOW THROUGH INVOLVING DEVELOPMENT AND  
ACQUISITION OF DEFENSE SYSTEMS.

7. FINALLY, WE PREDICT IEPG WILL CONTINUE TO  
BALK AT THE 28-29 JUNE TAD MEETING. OUR LATE  
SUBMITTAL OF UNCOORDINATED PAPERS LEADS THE  
EUROPEANS TO CONCLUDE THAT NORTH AMERICANS ARE  
ALSO NOT PREPARED FOR THE MEETING. THE EUROPEANS  
ARE THUS LIKELY TO ARGUE THAT NOTHING POSITIVE

WILL RESULT FROM A MEETING THIS MONTH.

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